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1. BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOST THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES IN JUNE AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED. WE ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO HOST THE MEETING FROM JULY 8-11 AND YOU SHOULD NOW DELIVER THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE GOA, IN ITS CAPACITY AS SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE OF THE MFM:

"1. DURING THEIR RECENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON THE
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LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE U.S. SECRETARY

OF STATE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP, CONSISTING OF GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, WITH THE MANDATE TO PREPARE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEXT MEETING, A DOCUMENT THAT WOULD CONTAIN PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLICABLE TO TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES- IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET AT LEAST TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONFERENCE OF BUENOS AIRES WILL CONVENE.

2. CONSULTATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS UNDERTAKEN WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION INDICATE THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT THERE

SHOULD BE AN INITIAL MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF AGREEING UPON A SCOPE OF WORK AND OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT ITS TASK. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PLEASED TO OFFER TO HOST SUCH A MEETING AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP AS SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING TRANSMITTING THIS OFFER TO THE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES AND SUGGESTING THAT THE GROUP MEET IN WASHINGTON FROM JULY 8-11.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND, IF THE OFFER IS ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES, OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR DELEGATIONS."

2. YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A FORMAL OFFER UNTIL WE HAD ASCERTAINED THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE SITE FOR THIS FIRST MEETING. WE HAVE NOW HAD FAVORABLE REPLIES FROM A MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES. (FYI - WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, PERU, OR TRINIDAD-TOBAGO. END FYI) RUSH

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